

SENATE BILL 3143

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,  
Chapter 20; Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 55,  
Chapter 8, relative to motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-205, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c) and by renumbering the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(c) Any motor vehicle operator who knowingly ignores a flood warning sign or barricade and drives into a flooded road area commits reckless driving. In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to subsection (d), the court may order the operator to pay restitution to defray the taxpayer cost of any rescue efforts related to such violation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other law to the contrary, a governmental entity that places a flood warning sign or barricade at a flooded road area shall be immune from suit for any injury resulting from a violation of § 55-10-205(c).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.